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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 04-Mar-00 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week 03/04/00	Previous Week 02/26/00
Bro-Fry	156,481	159,182
Lt Hens	2,133	1,965
Hvy Hens	1,451	1,394

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 26-Feb- 2000 (Thousand Head)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	533	0	533
Last Week	599	0	599
Same Wk Yr Ago	476	7	483
To Date 2000	4,571	27	4,598
To Date 1999	3,957	58	4,015

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,448	1,349	3,797
Last Week	2,585	1,335	3,920
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,516	1,363	3,879
To Date 2000	20,715	10,677	31,392
To Date 1999	21,552	10,643	32,195

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 26-Feb-00 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	152,233 (A)	1,915	1,349	3,264
Avg Wt	4.97	3.42	7.99	5.31
Last Week	155,193	1,986	1,335	3,321
Same Week Yr Ago	149,527	2,040	1,356	3,396
Avg Wt	5.03	3.48	8.24	5.38
To-Date/2000	1,228,518	16,144	10,650	26,794
To-Date/1999	1,204,013	17,595	10,585	28,180

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 152.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.1 million head or 1.4 million head less than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending February 19, 2000**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	40,609	27,780	37,913
Avg Weight	3.82	4.83	6.16
% Of Total /1	38%	26%	36%
Comparisons			
Last Week	40,315	28,901	39,719
Avg Weight	3.82	4.78	6.19
% Of Total /1	37%	27%	36%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	36,776	29,819	39,060
Avg Weight	3.79	4.83	6.17
% Of Total /1	35%	28%	37%
To Date/2000	237,680	206,725	284,220
To Date/1999	237,568	220,891	298,296
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 19-Feb-2000
(Thousand Head)**

	Young (B)	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total
Head	4,399	5	2	4,406
Avg Wt	25.31	25.80	33.00	25.31
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	3,866	0	13	3,879
Same Week Yr Ago	4,255	4	37	4,296
Avg Wt	26.05	23.50	24.30	26.03
To-Date/2000	30,782	37	246	31,150
To-Date/1999	31,648	111	207	31,966

(B) Includes 85,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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